

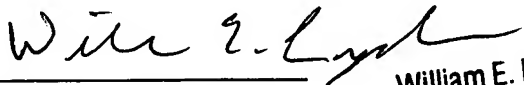
**REMARKS**


Applicants would like to express their appreciation to the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claims 1 – 18. With the present amendment, claims 19 and 20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter. Thus, it is requested that the Examiner permit the present application to issue with the previously allowed claims.

The above amendments have been presented merely for the purpose of clarification, and not to overcome the applied prior art. Accordingly, no estoppel is deemed to result from any of the present amendments.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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